

**Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission
City of Jasper, Indiana
February 7, 2006**

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 pm on Tuesday, February 7, 2006, at the Jasper Arts Center with President Michael Jones presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and then roll call was held with the following **Commission Members Present**: Doug Abbett, Mickey Seger, Michael Jones, Myra Schuetter, Sylvia Metzger, and Don Weisheit. **Commission Members Absent**: Ann Hilgefert, Gerald Gagne, Robin Norris, Don Routson, and Pat Thyen. **Staff Members Present**: Darla Blazey, Doreen Lechner, Donna Schepers, Kit Miracle, and Kelley Leuck. **Guests in Attendance**: City Attorney Sandy Hemmerlein and Herald reporter Jason Regan.

President Mike Jones welcomed new board member Mickey Seger.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 3, 2006 meeting were approved with the following correction. *Under Education report it should read*, "Chapter 6 will be performing a concert for area middle school students on January 30 and conduct workshops for Jasper High School, Southridge High School, and Jasper Middle School choir students on the 30th and 31st. **Sylvia Metzger** made the motion to accept the minutes as amended. **Don Weisheit** seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

City Financial Statement

Myra Schuetter moved to approve the financial statement. **Doug Abbett** seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

City Claims and Regional Partnership Grant Claims

City claims in the amount of \$40,361.49 were presented. Regional Partnership Grant claims in the amount of \$2,012.00 were presented. After conclusion of discussion, it was moved by **Myra Schuetter** to accept the claims as presented. **Doug Abbett** seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Visual Arts Report

Kit reported.

- Kenneth Calvert gave a free gallery talk and reception on Sunday January 8.
- This month, the entire fifth grade from Tenth Street School visited to tour the gallery and the backstage.
- The Irena Ilina exhibit is now in the gallery.
- Two art lectures were scheduled. Rachel Ray was the guest speaker for the Dali/Magritte lecture on January 15. The Chihuly and Tiffany art lecture to be held on February 5th was postponed due to cancellation from the guest speaker due to inclement weather. All patrons were contacted and advised that the lecture would be rescheduled. They were invited to still come to the gallery for the food that had been prepared.
- There are seven (7) classes being held at the satellite art space. A preschool art class was added.
- The new kiln has been delivered.
- Bonnie Gessner has agreed to do 4-H ceramics classes at the satellite space. This will be an additional 100-200 students. The classes will be held in March and June. The program will be run through the Arts Department. Children will pay the class fee to JCAC. The materials fee will be paid to Bonnie Gessner.

Education Report

Donna reported.

- Darla and Donna attended the APAP conference in New York in January. They also attended Kennedy Center training in Washington DC with Nancy Habig and Dr. Jerrill Vandeventer.
- Donna will be attending the superintendent and principals meeting on Tuesday. They will be discussing Kennedy Center information. They will also be discussing the next Kennedy Center training that will be held on February 23rd and 24th. Kathleen Gaffney will be returning. She will be working with primarily Social Studies teachers, doing her "Civil War Tapestry," which incorporates drama and music. At least 30 teachers can participate in the workshop. On February 24th, Kathleen will be working with teachers in 1st-3rd grades, with a similar workshop geared to their curriculum.
- Theaterworks USA will be here on March 2nd and 3rd with their Junie B. Jones performance. There has been tremendous response for this program.
- Portland Taiko will be here for the Family Fun Series on March 5. They will be doing performances and workshops at the Jasper Middle School on March 6th.
- Donna thanked volunteers and staff for coordinating two education residencies that were held in January while she was away at conferences. National Players were at the High School for "Taming of the Shrew." Chapter 6 was also in the schools.
- The Singing Hoosiers were here on February 4th.

Building and Structures Report

Doreen reported.

- Fifteen people attended the lighting and sound workshop held last month. It went very well. All of the participants were either members of ACT or current or potential backstage crewmember.
- There have been several new rentals of the Arts Center including long-term rentals and renewals.
- Spring will be very busy.
- Set up for Late Nite Catechism will be held on Wednesday, February 9th.
- Doreen requested approval to purchase lighting equipment. The lights have been allocated in this year's budget. The lights are source 4 juniors. Three bids were presented. Indianapolis Stage gave a price of \$3,182.40 not including S&H. ETC gave a quote of \$3,148.00, not including the lamps and connectors. Narcostco's quote was \$2,989.35 including S&H. **Sylvia Metzger** made a motion to accept the lowest bid. **Myra Schuetter** seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Region 11 Report

Darla reported for Jill.

- Grant deadlines for the Regional Grants Program for Fiscal Year 07 are upcoming. A letter of intent from interested applicants is due February 17th. Grant deadline is March 31.
- Jill was away from the meeting to attend a workshop that the JCAC and Indiana Youth Institute are sponsoring in Washington. Jamie Levy, professor at the Indiana University School of Philanthropy, is conducting the "Fundraising for Small Non-Profit Organizations."
- Arts Day at the Statehouse is on February 13th.
- Darla and Donna met with U.S. Representative Mike Sodrel while in Washington DC. They gave him information about the JCAC and the Kennedy Center partnership.

Performing Arts Report

Darla reported.

- Over 800 tickets have been sold for Late Nite Catechism on February 11.
- Dinner with the Lincolns is on February 18th. There will be a 7-course meal served at the 5:30 show. A show will also be held at 8:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to help serve and plate the meal and serve as ushers.
- Kitty Merkley and Carol Keusch will be catering the Lincoln Dinner meal. **Myra Schuetter** made a motion to approve the caterers for the Lincoln Dinner. **Sylvia Metzger** seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

- Volunteers are also needed for Junie B Jones performances that are upcoming.

OLD BUSINESS

Building Discussion

Myra Schuetter reported.

- The building plans are proceeding. A sub committee meeting was held on January 16th. It was decided that an expansion and renovation would best serve the Arts Center. A local designer is working on a plan to make the building more inviting to the public. He has done a conceptual drawing of the new addition. The preliminary plan calls for shifting the entry of the building to the northeast corner. The exterior of the building would be improved with a canopied entrance to the auditorium. A curved wall of windows, a trellis, and more parking would be added. The interior would have more natural light, new galleries, and classroom space. Additional lobby space would be close to the auditorium. The building would also be handicapped accessible. This plan calls for adding a black box theater. Universal Design has agreed to do a site plan with elevations. The fee for this would be \$5,000.00. Board members agreed to consider the Universal Design proposal at a later date.

Adjournment

Don Weisheit made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:40pm, **Myra Schuetter** seconded. Motion passed 6-0. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday March 7, 2006, at 4:30 pm.

Mike Jones – President

Attested